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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)
Appl. No. (to be assigned); Filed: January 17, 2002
For: **Platen Heaters for Biometric Image Capturing Devices**
Inventors: Carver *et al.*
Our Ref: 1823.0440001

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
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1. USPTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form PTO/SB/05;
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Platen Heaters for Biometric Image Capturing Devices

and naming as inventors:

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 - i. Fourteen (14) pages of description prior to the claims;
 - ii. Five (5) pages of claims (24 claims, 5 independent);
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
 - b. Eight (8) sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-8); and
 - c. an Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);
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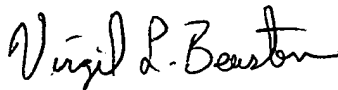
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